

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
NOTICE OF APPEAL (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
P00195US2

In Re Application Of: James C. Smith

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/659,767	09/09/2003	Jan M. Ludlow	021805	1743	4861

Inventor: Reagent Vial for Automated Processing Apparatus



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 12/13/2005 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

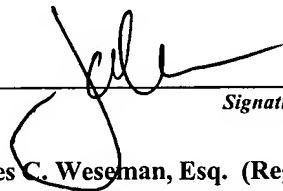
from: 03/13/2006 until: 05/13/2006
Date *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$225 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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